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**GOVERNMENT OF GOA****Education****Scheme**

GSS/SPFAST/380/2023-24

Date: 10-Feb-2025

Read: 1. No. GSS/SPFAST/380/2023-24/716 dated 10-Feb-2025.

The State Government is committed in ensuring that the Tribal students get access to education at all levels and will take all steps to see that there is no impediment in the process of learning for the ST students. The Government is committed to improve the educational status of the students so that the drop-outs among the ST students is reduced. The National Education Policy 2020 states that special mechanisms need to be made to ensure that children belonging to tribal communities receive the benefits of these interventions. The Government of Goa is keen on providing certain interventions to facilitate access to educational facilities by providing financial assistance to these students under this scheme.

The Government of Goa is pleased to introduce '**MUKHYAMANTRI SHIKSHAN SAHAY YOJANA**' to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students for payment of Examination fees of Goa Board for classes X and XII. The financial burden of the payment of the examination fees will be borne by the Government of Goa. The number of students getting the benefit will be substantial. This scholarship will be available only for the ST Students permanently settled or domiciled as per the terms of domicile decided by the State. The Scheduled Tribes students studying in Std. X and XII in Government/Government Aided Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools will be eligible for financial assistance under this scheme.

**1. Short title and commencement:**

- a) This scheme shall be called “**MUKHYAMANTRI SHIKSHAN SAHAY YOJANA**”
- b) This scheme aims to provide Financial Assistance to Scheduled Tribes students for Examination Fee of Goa Board for Classes X and XII.
- c) It shall come into force with effect from the date of publication of this notification.

**2. Definition: -**

- i) Schools: - means all Government, and Government Aided Schools.
- ii) State Government: - means the Government of the State of Goa.
- iii) Goa Board: - means Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education.

**3. Objectives**

- i) To support to improve the educational status of the ST students.
- ii) To arrest the tendency of drop-outs of Scheduled Tribes students by way of providing financial assistance to the families of such students who are otherwise unable to appear for public examination.

**4. Eligibility**

- 1) The financial assistance is open to ST students from the State of Goa possessing valid caste certificate issued by competent authority.
- 2) The applicant should be a bonafide resident of the State of Goa.
- 3) The applicant should be a regular student of an institution with at least 75% attendance in respective standard i.e. Std. X & Std. XII.
- 4) The applicant should belong to Scheduled Tribes declared by the competent authority.

- 5) A student that received Financial Assistance/ Scholarship under any other State/ Central scheme, also a student who received Financial Assistance under this scheme shall be eligible for Financial Assistance on subsequent attempts.
- 6) No relaxation in any eligibility criteria shall be entertained.

### 5. Procedure to apply for the Financial Assistance

- a) The student will have to submit the application in a prescribed form along with the copy of self-attested caste certificate issued by the competent authority duly countersigned by the head of the institution.
- b) The head of the institution shall verify the application details of the student's information as per the school records and certify the same.
- c) The head of the institution shall submit the consolidated sheet.
- d) Last date to receive applications: Application should be submitted along with the Goa Board Examination Forms.

### 6. Financial Implications, Budget Head and Pattern of Assistance

Estimated financial implication for implementation of the scheme: Rs. 67.92 Lakhs per annum.

Sr. No.	Financial Assistance		Amount Per Student	No. of Students	Expenditure (in Lakhs)
1	Board Fee	X	Rs.1550/-	2060	Rs.31,93,000/-
		XII	Rs.1700/-	2117	Rs.35,98,900/-
Total					Rs.67,92,800/-

Budget Head: - Demand No. 34 – School Education, 2202 – General Education.

01 – Elementary Education; 796 – Tribal Area Sub – Plan

01 – Schedule Tribe Development Schemes; 50 – Other Charges;

- i) The Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education will raise the requisition of total amount to Directorate of Education towards the examination fee as per the rates applicable and revised by the Goa Board from time to time.
- ii) The prescribed amount of fees (total amount) will be paid to Goa Board.
- iii) In the year of inception of the said scheme, if the scheme is notified after last day of submission of Goa Board examination forms, the amount of fees so paid shall be reimbursed to the students by Direct Benefit Transfer in their bank accounts/ in the bank account of parents on production of bank details of the students/ parents through School.

### 7. Responsibilities: -

- i) The School Heads shall make the students aware about the scheme.
- ii) The School Heads shall make the consolidated data (spreadsheet) and submit hard copy & soft copy to Goa Board along with Examination forms.
- iii) The Goa Board will raise the total amount of bill to Directorate of Education.
- iv) The Nodal Officer of the School will submit the bills with noting to Accounts Section of the Directorate of Education for further necessary action and transfer the amount claimed to Goa Board.

v) Account Section of the Directorate of Education will process the bill for payment.

### 8. Framing of Guidelines

For better implementation of the scheme the Government can amend/ frame the guidelines from time to time and the same shall be binding on students/ institutions.

### 9. Relaxation of the Provision of the Scheme

Hon'ble Minister (Finance) is empowered to relax any or all clauses or conditions of the scheme, if needed be, for reasons to be recorded. Any such decision shall be binding on all students/ institutions.

### 10. Interpretations of the Provision of the Scheme

Decision of the Government on any question, including grievances relating to the meaning, significance, interpretation, scope etc. of the scheme shall be final and binding.

### 11. Redressal of Grievances and Dispute

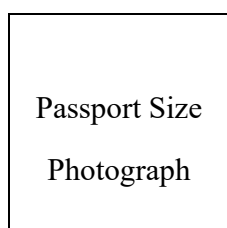
In case of Grievances if any, arising out of implementation of this scheme, the Government shall decide such matters and the decision of the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

The scheme is administratively approved by the Government vide U.O. No. 6572/F dated 05/11/2024. The Pattern of Assistance to release Financial Assistance under the scheme has been approved by the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide U.O. No. 3027 dated 03/07/2024

By Order and in the name of  
Governor of Goa

Sd/-  
(Shailesh R. Sinai Zingde)  
Director of Education & Ex officio Joint Secretary  
Porvorim – Goa

Date: 21/01/2025



### APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR ST STUDENTS FOR THE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of the Applicant :- \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father's Name :- \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mother's Name :- \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tribe (Gawda/ Kunbi/ Velip) :- \_\_\_\_\_

5. Standard in Which Studying in the Academic Year :- X / XII \_\_\_\_\_
6. Financial Assistance Required/ Applied for S.S.C./ H.S.S.C Goa Board Examination :- Rs. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Goa Board Exam Fees)
7. Information As Per School Records
- a) Roll No. of the Applicant :- \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Gen. Reg. No. of the Applicant :- \_\_\_\_\_
8. Aadhaar Card No. of the Applicant :- \_\_\_\_\_
9. Father's Occupation :- \_\_\_\_\_
10. Mother's Occupation :- \_\_\_\_\_
11. Complete Address of the Applicant :- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

I declare that all the information given above is true. I shall be personally held responsible, if at any stage it is found that any information given in this scholarship application form is false/ incorrect as per the scholarship scheme, my / my wards application is liable to be rejected.

Signature of the student :- \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of the parent \_\_\_\_\_  
if student is minor in age

Roll No. :- \_\_\_\_\_

School Index No. :- \_\_\_\_\_

Year :- \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the School :- \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No. of the Student/ Parent :- \_\_\_\_\_

I have verified the caste certificate and I declare that all the information provided above is correct.

Seal & Signature of Head of Institution

Note: The application form to be submitted along with the Board Exam form.

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**Department of Finance**

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**Notification**

1/80/2006-Fin(Bud)/8585

Date: 17-Feb-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Goa Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers Act, 2013 (Goa Act 23 of 2013), the Government of Goa hereby appoints the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2025 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force.

By Order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa

(Dr. Pranab G. Bhat)  
**Under Secretary Finance (Bud-II)**

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**Notification**

7/1/2021-Fin(DMU)/8508

Date: 22-Jan-2025

**Read: Notification No. 7/2/2021-Fin(DMU)/655 dated 13/12/2021 regarding House Building Loan Scheme for erstwhile beneficiaries.**

In order to provide a time limit for the erstwhile beneficiaries of House Building Scheme, who have not yet shifted their housing loan for benefits under the Scheme read above, Government has decided to fix 31/03/2025 as cutoff date for applying under House Building Loan Scheme for erstwhile beneficiaries.

Beyond this cutoff date, no application of erstwhile beneficiaries shall be considered for benefits under the scheme.

By Order and in the name  
of the Governor of Goa

(Pranab G. Bhat)  
**Under Secretary Finance (Budget-II)**

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**Department of Home**

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**Notification**

2/42/2017-HD(G)/536

Date: 18-Feb-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 398 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 46 of 2023) and in supersession of the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018, published vide Government Notification No.2/42/2017-HD(G)/418 dated 11/02/2020 in the Official Gazette, Series I No.47 dated 20/02/2020, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following Scheme for the State of Goa, with a view to ensure protection of the witnesses namely:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.-** (1) This Scheme may be called the Goa Witness Protection Scheme, 2025.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the state of Goa.

(3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definitions.- In this Scheme unless the context otherwise requires,-**

(a)"Act" means the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023);

(b)"Concealment of Identity of Witness" means and includes any condition prohibiting publication or revealing of in any manner, directly or indirectly, the name, address and other particulars which may lead to the identification of the witness during investigation, trial and post-trial stage;

(c)"Competent Authority" means a Standing Committee in each District chaired by the District and Sessions Judge with the Head of the Police in the District as a member, an officer not below the rank of the Additional District Magistrate to be nominated by the District Magistrate as a member and the Head of the Prosecution in the District as the Member Secretary;

(d) "Family Member" includes parents or guardian, spouse, live-in partner, siblings, children, grandchildren of the witness and the spouse of the siblings, children and grandchildren of the witness;

(e)"Form" means the Witness Protection Application Forms hereto;

(f)"In Camera Proceedings "means, proceedings wherein the Competent Authority or Court allows only those persons who are necessarily to be present while hearing and deciding the witness protection application or deposing in the court;

(g)"Live Link" means and include a live video link or other such arrangement including any electronic communication through any audio - video electronic means;

(h)"Witness Protection Measures "means the measures provided in clauses 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this Scheme;

(i) "Offence" means those offences which are punishable with death or life imprisonment or an imprisonment up to seven years and above and also offences punishable under sections 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,2023 (Central Act No. 45 of 2023);

(j) "Threat Analysis Report" means, a detail report to be submitted by the Superintendent of Police in the District, investigating the case with regard to the seriousness and credibility of the threat perception to the witness or his/her family members. It shall contain specific details about the nature of threats faced by the witness or his/her family to their life, reputation or property apart from analyzing the extent, the person or persons making the threat who have the intent, motive and resources to implement the threats;

(k) "Witness" means any person, who has made a statement or who has given or agreed to give evidence in relation to any offence and who possesses information or document about any offence as being material to any criminal proceeding or is required to be given protection or assistance under this scheme;

(l) "Witness Protection Application" means an application submitted by a witness before a Competent Authority for Witness Protection Order. It can be moved either in offline or online mode by the witness, his/her family member, his/her duly engaged counsel or the Investigating officer or officer in charge of the

police station who has jurisdiction of the case or Sub-Divisional Police Officer or Jail Superintendent concerned;

(m) "Witness Protection Fund" means the fund created for bearing the expenses incurred during the implementation of Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority under this scheme to implement the witness protection measures;

(n) "Witness Protection Order" means an order passed by the Competent Authority detailing with the witness protection measures to be taken;

(o) "Witness Protection Cell" means a cell constituted at district level for implementation of the witness protection order, which shall be headed by the Superintendent of Police. Other suitable person(s) may be co-opted by the head of the cell;

(p) "State Witness Protection Authority" means an authority constituted at the State level for witness protection consisting of the Senior-Most Secretary of Home Department of Goa as Chairperson and Director General of Police, Goa, Inspector General of Police, Goa and Director of Prosecution of the State of Goa as members. Any other member may be co-opted by the authority. This authority shall regulate its own procedure, meet at least once in every six months and shall take all the steps as deemed necessary by it for the effective implementation and monitoring of the Scheme.

### **3. Categories of witness as per threat perception**

(i) Category 'A': Where the threat extends to the life of a witness or his/her family members, during investigation or trial or thereafter.

(ii) Category 'B': Where the threat extends to safety, reputation or property of the witness or his/her family members, during the investigation or trial or thereafter.

(iii) Category 'C': Where the threat is moderate and extends to harassment or intimidation of the witness or his/her family member's reputation or property, during the investigation or trial or thereafter.

**4. State Witness protection fund.-** (1) The Government shall constitute a fund called Witness Protection Fund for incurring expenses during the implementation of the witness protection measures as per the Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority and other related expenditure.

(2) The Witness Protection Fund shall comprise the following;

(i) Budgetary allocation made in the Annual Budget by the State Government;

(ii) Receipt of amount of costs imposed or ordered to be deposited by the Courts or Tribunals in the Witness Protection Fund;

(iii) Donations or contributions from Philanthropist or Charitable Institutions or Organizations and individuals permitted by the Government.

(iv) Funds contributed under the Corporate Social Responsibility.



**5. Filing of Applications before the competent authority.-**

The applicant shall file an application for seeking protection order under this scheme in Form– I hereto before the Competent Authority of the concerned District where the offence is committed, along with supporting documents, if any. The application shall be filed in offline or online mode.

**6. Procedure for processing the application.-** (1) On receipt of application, the Competent shall pass an order immediately calling for the Threat Analysis Report from the District Superintendent of Police.

(2) Depending upon the urgency in the matter owing to imminent threat, the Competent Authority may pass order for interim protection of the witness or his/her family members during the pendency of the application:

Provided that nothing shall preclude police from providing immediate protection in case of grave and imminent threat to the life of applicant and his/her family members.

(3) On receipt of the order from the Competent Authority, the District Superintendent of Police shall prepare the Threat Analysis Report in Form-II, hereto expeditiously while maintaining full confidentiality which shall be forwarded to Competent Authority through electronic means within five working days from the date of receipt of the order from the Competent Authority.

(4) The Threat Analysis Report shall categorize the threat perception and also include suggestive protection measures for providing adequate protection to the witness or his/her family.

(5) While processing the application for witness protection, the Competent Authority shall also interact either in person or through electronic means, with the witness and or his/her family members or employers or any other person deemed fit so as to ascertain the protection needs of the witness. The Competent Authority may also conduct its meeting through live link. The Competent Authority shall meet at least once in every two months including via live link, for addressing such application of witness for protection.

(6) All the hearings on Witness Protection application shall be held in-camera by the competent authority while maintaining full confidentiality.

(7) An application received under clause 5 of this Scheme shall be disposed of by the Competent Authority within five working days from the date of receipt of threat analysis report from the police authorities.

(8) The Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority shall be implemented by the Witness Protection Cell or the Trial Court, as the case may be. The Competent Authority shall cause to send a copy of the Witness Protection Order to the Investigation Officer of the case and to the court which is empowered to take the cognizance of the concerned case or to the Court in which the trial is pending and to the public prosecutor of the case concerned. Overall responsibility of implementation of all Witness Protection Orders passed by the Competent Authority shall lie on the Head of the Police in the State. In case of any change of identity and /or relocation of the Witness, it shall be implemented by the Inspector General of Police, Goa.

(9) Upon passing of a Witness Protection Order, the Witness Protection Cell shall file a monthly follow-up report before the Competent Authority.

(10) In case, the Competent Authority finds that there is a need to revise the Witness Protection Order or an application is moved in this regard and upon completion of trial, a fresh Threat Analysis Report shall be called from the District Superintendent of Police.

**7. Types of Protection measures.-** The witness protection measures ordered shall be proportionate to the threat and shall be for a specific duration not exceeding three months at a time and may include, -

- (a) ensuring that witness and accused do not come face to face during investigation or trial;
- (b) monitoring of mail and telephone calls;
- (c) arrangement with the telephone company to change the witness's telephone number or assign him or her an unlisted telephone number;
- (d) installation of security devices in the witness's home such as security doors, CCTV, alarms, fencing etc.;
- (e) concealment of identity of the witness by referring to him or her with the changed name or alphabet;
- (f) emergency contact persons for the witness;
- (g) close protection, regular patrolling around the witness's house;
- (h) temporary change of residence to a relative's house or a nearby town;
- (i) escort to and from the court and provision of Government vehicle or a State funded conveyance on the date of hearing;
- (j) holding of in-camera trials;
- (k) allowing a support person to remain present during recording of statement and deposition;
- (l) usage of specially designed vulnerable witness court rooms which have special arrangements like live links, one-way mirrors and screens apart from separate passages for witnesses and accused, with option to modify the image of face of the witness and to modify the audio feed of the witness' voice, so that he or she is not identifiable;
- (m) ensuring expeditious recording of deposition during trial on a day-to-day basis without adjournments;
- (n) awarding, time to time periodical financial aids or grants to the witness from Witness Protection Fund for the purpose of re-location, sustenance or starting a new vocation or profession, as may be considered necessary;
- (o) any other form of protection measures considered necessary.

**8. Monitoring and Review.-**

(1) Once the protection order is passed, the Competent Authority shall monitor its implementation and can review the same in terms of follow-up reports received in the matter.

(2) The Competent Authority shall review the Witness Protection Order on a quarterly basis based on the monthly follow-up report submitted by the Witness Protection Cell.

**9. Protection of Identity.-** (1) During the course of investigation or trial of any offence, an application for seeking identity protection can be filed in Form – I, before the Competent Authority.

(2) Upon receipt of the application, the Competent Authority, shall call for the Threat Analysis Report. The Competent Authority shall examine the witness or his/her family members or any other person as it deems fit to ascertain whether there is necessity to pass an identity protection order.

(3) During the course of hearing of the application, the identity of the witness shall not be revealed to another person, which is likely to lead to the witness identification. The Competent Authority shall thereafter, dispose of the application as per material available on record.

(4) Once an order for protection of identity of witness is passed by the Competent Authority, it shall be the responsibility of the Witness Protection Cell to ensure that identity of such witness or his/her or her family members including name or parentage or occupation or address or digital footprints are fully protected.

(5) As long as the identity of any witness is protected under an order of the Competent Authority, the Witness Protection Cell shall provide details of persons who can be contacted by the witness in case of emergency.

**10. Change of identity.-** (1) In appropriate cases, where there is a request from the witness for change of identity and based on the Threat Analysis Report, a decision can be taken for conferring an identity to the witness by the Competent Authority.

(2) Conferring new identities shall include new name, profession, parentage and providing supporting documents acceptable by the Government Agencies. The new identities shall not deprive the witness from existing educational, professional and property rights.

**11. Relocation of Witness.-** (1) In appropriate cases, where there is a request from the witness for relocation and based on the Threat Analysis Report, a decision can be taken for relocation of the witness by the Competent Authority.

(2) The Competent Authority may pass an order for witness relocation to a safer place within the State or territory of the Indian Union keeping in view the safety, welfare and wellbeing of the witness. These expenses shall be borne from the Witness Protection Fund.

**12. Witness to be apprised of the scheme.-** The Investigating Officer and the Court shall inform witnesses about the existence of Witness Protection Scheme and its salient features.

**13. Confidentiality and preservation of records. –** (1) All stakeholders including the Police, the Prosecution Department, Court Staff, Lawyers from both sides shall maintain full confidentiality and shall

ensure that under no circumstance, any record, document or information in relation to the proceedings under this scheme shall be shared with any person in any manner except with the approval of Trial Court or Appellate Court and that too, on a written order.

(2) All the records pertaining to proceedings under this scheme shall be preserved till such time the related trial or appeal thereof is pending before a Court of Law. After one year of disposal of the last Court proceedings, the hard copy of the records can be weeded out by the Competent Authority after preserving the scanned soft copies of the same.

**14. Recovery of expenses.-** In case the witness has lodged a false complaint, the Home Department of the concerned Government can initiate proceedings for recovery of the expenditure incurred from the Witness Protection Fund. These expenses shall be recovered as arrears in land revenue.

**15. Review.-** In case the witness or the police authorities are aggrieved by the decisions of the Competent Authority, a review application may be filed before the Competent Authority within 15 days of passing of the order by the Competent Authority and the decision of Competent Authority on such review application shall be final and no appeal shall lie against such order before any authority.

### **FORM-I**

(See Clause-5, 9)

#### Witness Protection Application

To

The Competent Authority

\_\_\_\_\_ District

Application for (Tick as applicable)

- Witness Protection
- Witness Identity Protection
- New Identity
- Witness Relocation

Particulars of the Witness (Fill in CAPITAL LETTERS)	
Name	
Date of Birth and Age	
Gender (Male / Female / Transgender)	
Father / Mother name	

Residential Address	
Mobile Number	
Email ID	
Aadhar Number (attach a self-attested copy)	
Any other Government ID (voter ID / PAN / Driving license / Other) [attach a self-attested copy]	
Name and details family members of the victim who are facing threats (including self)	
<b>Particulars of the case</b>	
FIR number	
Police station	
Sections and Act(s) involved	
Year of the FIR	
GDE or daily diary number (if FIR not yet registered)	
CR case number (in complaint cases to magistrate)	
<b>Particulars of the Accused (if known / available)</b>	
Name	
Father / mother name	
Address	
Mobile Number	
Email ID	
<b>Particulars of the person who is giving or suspected to be giving threats</b>	
Name	
Father name	

Address	
Mobile number	
Email	
Other details known (if any)	
<b>Threat Perception</b>	
Nature of the threat perception. Please give a brief of the threat received in the matter with specific date, place, mode and words used.	
<b>Types of the witness protection measures prayed for by the witness</b>	
Please give details of what kind of protection is prayed for.	
Details of the urgent / immediate witness protection measures required, if any.	

Note: Witnesses can use extra sheets, if needed and attach with the application.

### **UNDERTAKING**

- (1) I shall fully cooperate with the competent authority, Department of Home and the witness protection cell.
- (2) I certify that the information provided by me is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- (3) I understand that if the information filed by me is found incorrect, competent authority reserves the right to recover the expenses incurred on me from the witness protection fund.

Name of the Witness:

Signature:

Date:

Place:

### **FORM -II**

{See clause - 6}

**The Threat Analysis Report to be submitted by the District Superintendent of Police, under the Goa Witness Protection Scheme, 2025**

<b>Particulars of the Witness (Fill in CAPITAL LETTERS)</b>	
Name	
Date of Birth and Age	
Gender (Male /Female/ Transgender)	

Father/ Mother name	
Residential Address	
Mobile Number	
Email ID	
Aadhar Number (attach an attested copy)	
Any other Government ID (voter ID/PAN/Driving license/Other) [attach a self-attached copy]	
Name and details of the family member(s) of the victim who are facing threats (including self)	
<b>Particulars of the case</b>	
FIR number	
Police station	
Sections and Act(s) involved	
Year of the FIR	
GDE or daily diary number (if FIR not yet registered)	
CR case number (in complaint case to magistrate)	
<b>Particulars of the Accused (if known/available)</b>	
Name	
Father/mother name	
Address	
Mobile number	
Email ID	
<b>Particulars of the person who is giving or suspected to be given threats</b>	
Name	
Father name	

Address	
Mobile number	
Email	
Other details known (if any)	
<b>Threat Perception and Analysis</b>	
Nature of the threat perception. Please give a brief of the threat received in the matter with specific date, place, mode and words used	
History of enmity (if any)	
Details of body injury causing death, grievous hurt, injury and threat of injury to property, reputation etc.	
<b>Potential Vulnerabilities of the Witness</b>	
Physical location of the Applicant	
Vulnerability with regard to gender issues i.e. threat of gender violence like acid attacks / physical/emotional /psychological abuse etc.	
Any social Vulnerability	
Possession of weapon by the threatening party	
Political patronage/Socially dominant position of the threatening party	
Witness against gangsters or organized criminals	
Threat of contract killing or abduction	
Vulnerabilities on social media Extent of threat	
<b>Categories of Witness as per Threat perception and Analysis</b>	
Category 'A': Where the threat extends to the life of a witness or his/her family members	



during investigation/ trial or thereafter.	
Category 'B' : Where the threat extends to safety, reputation or property of the witness or his/her familymembers, during the investigation/trial or thereafter	
Category 'C': Where the threat is moderate and extends to harassment or intimidation of the witness or his/her family member's reputation or property, during the investigation/ trial or thereafter.	
<b>Protection Measures Prayed or Recommended</b>	
Please give details of what kind of protection is prayed for by the witness.	
Details of the Interim/ urgent / immediate witness protection measures required, if any	
<b>Protection measures Suggested for the witness (please specify the approximate cost involved in each measure suggested) Note: The witness protection measures shall be proportionate to the threat analysis and shall be for a specific duration not exceeding 3 months at a time.)</b>	
Ensuring that witness and accused do not come face to face during investigation or trial.	
Monitoring of mail and telephone calls	
Arrangement with the telephone company to change the witness's telephone number or assign him or her any unlisted telephone number	
Installation of security devices in the witness's home such as security doors, CCTV, alarms, fencing etc	
Concealment of identity of the witness by referring him/her with the changed name or alphabets.	
Emergency contact persons for the witness	

Close protection, regular patrolling around the witness's house	
Temporary Change of residence to a relative's house or nearly a town	
Escort to and from the court and provision of Government vehicle or state funded conveyance for the date of hearing	
Holding of in-camera trials	
Allowing a support person to remain present during recording of statement and deposition	
Usage of specially designed vulnerable witness court rooms which have special arrangements like live one way mirrors and screens apart from separate passages for witnesses and accused, with option to modify the image of face of the witness and to modify the audio feed of the witness' voice, so that he/she is not identifiable.	
Ensuring expeditious recording of deposition during trial on a day-to-day basis without adjournments.	
Awarding time to time periodical financial aids / grants to the witness from Witness Protection Fund for the purpose of re-location, sustenance or starting a new vocation/ profession, as may be considered necessary.	
Protection of Identity	
Change of Identity	
Relocation of Witness	

Signature:

Name:

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**Notification**

24/13/2024-HD(G)/566

Date: 21-Feb-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section(1) of section 20 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, (Central Act No. 46 of 2023) the Government of Goa hereby establishes the District Directorate of Prosecution for North Goa District and the District Directorate of Prosecution for South Goa District consisting of a Deputy Director of Prosecution and a Assistant Director of Prosecution for each District Directorate, with immediate effect.

By Order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa.

**(Manthan Manoj Naik)**  
Under Secretary (Home-II)

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**Notification**

24/13/2024-HD(G)/567

Date: 21-Feb-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (11) of section 20 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 46 of 2023) the Government of Goa hereby specifies other powers and functions of the Director of Prosecution, Deputy Director of Prosecution and Assistant Director of Prosecution as follows, namely:-

**(I) Other Powers and functions of the Director of Prosecution:-**

1. The Director of Prosecution shall conduct / review monthly/quarterly meetings as and when required with the Deputy Directors of Prosecution and Assistant Directors of Prosecution.
2. The Director of Prosecution shall conduct / review monthly /Quarterly meetings or as and when required with the Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors.
3. The Director of Prosecution shall take necessary steps for seeking approval of Home Department in filing of Appeals/Revisions before the Appellate Court such as District and Sessions Court, High court and the Supreme Court of India, after receiving request from the concerned Superintendent of Police of the District through the Investigating Officer on the opinion/recommendation of the Prosecuting Officer.
4. The Director of Prosecution shall be vested with administrative powers as required under any other law for effective administration of Criminal Justice System.
5. The Director of Prosecution shall be the Reporting Authority for the Deputy Directors of Prosecution and the Assistant Directors of Prosecution.

6. The Director of Prosecution shall exercise supervisory powers over the work of Deputy Directors of Prosecution and Assistant Directors of Prosecution.
7. The Director of Prosecution shall depute the Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors for the training programme within and outside the State.
8. The Director of Prosecution shall propose the transfer of any Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Public Prosecutor, Assistant Public Prosecutor to the Government
9. The Director of Prosecution shall have the powers to transfer the ministerial staff of the department.
10. The Director of Prosecution shall have all Financial Powers as prescribed under the Goa Delegation of financial Power Rules which are in force in the State of Goa.
11. Every Public Prosecutor, Additional Public Prosecutor and Special Public Prosecutor appointed by the Government under sub- section (1) or sub-section (8) of section 18 of said Act, 2023 to conduct cases in the High Court shall be subordinate to the Director of Prosecution.
12. The Director of prosecution shall have the powers to allot the work of filing of Revisions arising out of criminal cases to the Deputy Director of Prosecution and Assistant Director of Prosecution.
13. The Director of Prosecution shall have the powers to allot the work to the Deputy Director of Prosecution and Assistant Director of Prosecution as and when required as per the exigencies of work.
14. The Director of Prosecution shall hand over the charge to the Senior most Deputy Director during his/her absence or leave period.
15. The Director of Prosecution shall call for the report of the work of the Assistant Public Prosecutors/Public Prosecutors conducted by the Deputy Director of Prosecution/Assistant Director of Prosecution.
16. The Director of Prosecution shall have such other powers as specified by the Government for monitoring/supervising and for administrative purpose in respect of conducting of cases by the Assistant Public Prosecutors and Public Prosecutors.
17. The Director of Prosecution shall have all powers for allotment of work to the Deputy Director of Prosecution and Assistant Director of Prosecution.

**(II) Other Powers and functions of the Deputy Director of Prosecution:-**

1. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall work at the District level.
2. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall be in-charge of the office in the District.
3. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall attend the monthly/Quarterly review meetings convened by the Director of Prosecution.
4. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall convey monthly review meeting with Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors in the District.
5. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall attend all meetings, including acquittal review meetings convened by the Home Minister, Home Department, Commissioner of Police, Deputy Inspector General, Superintendent of Police/ Deputy Superintendent of Police, etc.
6. The Deputy Director of Prosecution will be reporting officer in case of Annual Confidential Reports of Public Prosecutor of the District.

7. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall make arrangement for additional charge and temporary internal transfers in respect of Assistant Public Prosecutors and Public Prosecutors when the need arises in their District in consultation with the Director of Prosecution.
8. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall route the representations of the prosecuting officers in their District with his specific remark / comments to Director of Prosecution.
9. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall perform any other duty /work assigned to him from time to time by the Director of Prosecution.
10. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall supervise the compilation of all statistics furnished by the Assistant Public Prosecutors and Public Prosecutors to be forwarded to Director of Prosecution for being reviewed every month by the Director of Prosecution and Secretary to the Government in Home Department.
11. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall assist the Director of Prosecution in reviewing the performance of all Prosecuting Officers in the Directorate of Prosecution.
12. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall ensure the compliance of all the instructions of the Director of Prosecution by the Prosecuting Officers of the Department.
13. The Senior most Deputy Director shall hold the charge of the Director of Prosecution in his/her absence or if the Director is on leave upon his/her instructions.
14. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall carry surprise visit to the offices of Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors.
15. The Deputy Director of Prosecution in order to supervise the work of the conducting of cases before the court by the Assistant Public Prosecutor/Public Prosecutor shall visit the respective offices in the State/District.
16. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall submit the report of the scrutiny of the work of the Assistant Public Prosecutor/Public Prosecutor to the Director of Prosecution.
17. The Deputy Director of Prosecution shall effectively deal with the implementation of e-prosecution and smooth functioning of the same and shall ensure that timely submission of the updating of the giving of opinions, conducting of cases by the Prosecutors and timely disposal of the cases on the said portal.

**(III) Other Powers and functions of the Assistant Director of Prosecution:-**

1. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall make surprise visit to the offices of Assistant Public Prosecutor in their District as and when required and submit the report to the Director of Prosecution.
2. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall convene monthly review meetings of Assistant Public Prosecutors in their District every month and submit the report to the Director of Prosecution.
3. After the review meetings, the Assistant Director of Prosecution shall send the Minutes of the meetings/Report along with their review proceedings to the Director of Prosecution.
4. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall attend the monthly /Quarterly review meetings convened by the Director of Prosecution and Deputy Directors of Prosecution.
5. The Assistant Directors of Prosecution shall attend the meeting convened by the Deputy Director of Prosecution/Director of Prosecution.
6. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall attend monthly crime meetings/Acquittal meetings convened by the Home Department, Home Minister, Commissioner of Police, Deputy Inspector

General, Superintendent of Police / Deputy Superintendent of Police, along with the Director of Prosecution and Deputy Director of Prosecution of their District or any other meeting on the instructions of the Director of Prosecution/Deputy Director of Prosecution.

7. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall assist the Director/ Deputy Director of Prosecution to make additional charge arrangement in respect of Assistant Public Prosecutors in their District
8. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall perform any other duty assigned to him from time to time by the Director of Prosecution or Deputy Director of Prosecution.
9. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall assist the Director of Prosecution / Deputy Director of Prosecution in reviewing the performance of all Prosecuting Officers in the Directorate of Prosecution in cases which offences are punishable less than 7 years.
10. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall ensure the compliance of all the instructions of the Director of Prosecution /Deputy Director of Prosecution by the Prosecuting Officers.
11. The Assistant Director of Prosecution shall effectively deal with the implementation of e-prosecution and smooth functioning of the same and shall ensure that timely submission of the updating of the giving of opinions, conducting of cases by the Prosecutors and timely disposal of the cases on the said portal at the District level.
12. Assistant Director of Prosecution will be reporting officer in case of Annual Confidential Report of Assistant Public Prosecutor of the District.

By Order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa

**(Manthan Manoj Naik)**  
Under Secretary (Home-II)

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**Notification**

24/13/2024-HD(G)/568

Date: 21-Feb-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 20 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, (Central Act No.46 of 2023) the Government of Goa hereby establishes the Directorate of Prosecution for the State of Goa consisting of a Director of Prosecution and a Deputy Director of Prosecution, with immediate effect.

By Order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa

**(Manthan Manoj Naik)**  
Under Secretary (Home-II)

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**Directorate of Mines & Geology**

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**Notification**

03/96/2023/Major/Mines/

Date: 18-Feb-2025

Read: 1. No. 03/96/2023/Major/Mines/3459 dated 18-Feb-2025.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 read with sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 9B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules, 2018, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.* – (1) These rules may be called the Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trust) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*—In the Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”), in rule 2, for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:--

“(b) “Affected areas” means the areas which are affected by mining or mining related operations and shall include;—

(i) Directly affected areas:- Villages and gram panchayats or Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) within which mines (other than minor minerals) are situated and are operational. Such mining areas may extend to neighbouring village/town, block or district or even State:

Provided that directly affected area is an area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the Government, but shall not extend beyond 15km from the boundary of the mines of mineral other than minor minerals.

(ii) Indirectly affected areas:- Those areas where local population is adversely affected on account of economic, social and environmental consequences due to mining-related operations of minerals other than minor minerals:

Provided that indirectly affected area is within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the Government, but shall not extend beyond 25km from the boundary of the mines of mineral other than minor minerals:

Provided further that in cases of minor minerals quarrying, the affected areas shall be revenue villages where the quarrying lease is situated.

The District Mineral Foundation shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such directly and indirectly affected areas.”

3. *Amendment of rule 4.*—In the principal Rules, in rule 4, for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(d) The Governing Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

Sr. No.	Designation	Designation in the Governing Council
1.	Collector/District Magistrate	Ex Officio Chairperson/Trustee
2.	Members of Parliament, Lok Sabha, of the respective Districts of the State of Goa	Members/ Trustees
3.	Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, of the State of Goa (The Rajya Sabha MP shall intimate name of the district selected by him/her to the Secretary in-charge of Mining	Members/ Trustees

	Department of the State who in turn shall inform the concerned District Magistrate/District Collector)	
4.	Members of the Legislative Assembly of Goa from the directly affected areas in the State of Goa	Members/ Trustees
5.	Deputy Director of Mines and Geology	Ex Officio Member Secretary/Trustee
6.	The Executive/Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
7.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Health Services	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
8.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Education or any Officer not below the rank of Assistant Director/Deputy Director nominated by the Directorate.	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
9.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Social Welfare or any Officer not below the rank of Assistant Director/Deputy Director nominated by the Directorate.	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
10.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Women and Child Development or any Officer not below the rank of Assistant Director/Deputy Director nominated by the Directorate.	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
11.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Agriculture	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
12.	The Executive/Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Department	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
13.	The Director, Department of New and Renewable Energy or any Officer not below the rank of Assistant Director/Deputy Director	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
14.	The Representative of Finance Department	Ex Officio Member/Trustee



	(Budget), not below the rank of Under Secretary.	
15.	The Director/Deputy Director, Directorate of Panchayats	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
16.	Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
17.	The Project Director/Project Officer, DRDA	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
18.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services or any Officer not below the rank of Assistant Director/Deputy Director nominated by the Directorate.	Ex Officio Member/Trustee
19.	Representative of the Centre for Environment Education	Member/Trustee
20.	Two Representatives of the mineral lease holders/industry representative/Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association as nominated by the Government	Members/Trustees
21.	Any other Officials/persons as nominated by the State Government	Members/Trustees
22.	Two Representatives of the persons from the areas affected by mining related operations as nominated by the Government	Members/Trustees

4. *Amendment of rule 8.*—In the principal Rules, in rule 8, for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a) The Governing Council shall meet as often as necessary but at least twice in a year.”

5. *Amendment of rule 13.*— In the principal Rules, in rule 13, in clause (1),—

(i) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(b) Environment preservation and pollution control measures – Effluent treatment plants, prevention of pollution of streams, lakes, ponds, ground water, other water sources in the region, measure for controlling air and dust pollution caused by mining operations and dumps, mine drainage system, mine pollution prevention technologies, and measures for working or abandoned mines and other air, water and surface pollution control mechanisms required for environment-friendly and sustainable mine development. Identification of mineral-specific pollutants and their hazard potential may be done by involving reputed educational institutes/research institutions. The funds may be allocated for the identification of the hazards,

setting up air quality monitors and displays, and undertaking measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the research.

However, activities meant to be taken up under the “polluter pays principle” or as per the obligations of the industries under the environment management plan or mines management plan should not be taken up under the District Mineral Foundation Trusts.”

(ii) for sub-clause (d), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(d) Education – The focus shall be on augmentation and development of resources and infrastructure for improving both secondary and elementary education. This may include construction of school/college/vocational training institute buildings, additional classrooms, laboratories, libraries, art and crafts rooms, toilet blocks, drinking water provisions, residential schools, residential hostels for students of affected areas and teachers in remote areas, sports infrastructure, engagement of teachers/other supporting staff, e-learning setup, other arrangement of transport facilities (bus/van/cycles/rickshaws etc.) and nutrition related programs. Financial support to students of affected areas for pursuing education in Government/Government aided institutions of higher education.”

(iii) after sub-clause (h), the following sub-clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

“(i) Housing –Provision of pucca housing for mining affected people who are not covered under Central or State schemes.

(j) Agriculture – Activities related to agriculture, horticulture and agroforestry. Assistance to farmers through trainings, support to FPOs/collectives/cooperatives, support for setting up of food processing units, storage including cold storage, marketing facilities like market yards etc.,, plantation, processing of medicinal herbs.

(k) Animal Husbandry – Promotion of livestock, poultry, piggery, fishery, feed and fodder development and supporting innovation in animal husbandry, Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Cooperative Organisations (FCOs).”

5. *Substitution of rule 14* – In the principal Rules, for rule 14, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“14. Utilisation of fund by District Mineral Foundation Trust.— (1) The entire amount collected under sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 9B of the Act and under rule 22A of the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985 including the interest generated thereon shall be utilized exclusively for carrying out the works and activities as specified under rule 13, and such utilization shall be in accordance with the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) Guidelines.

(2) A minimum of 70% of the funds shall be spent in the High Priority areas as specified under rule 13.

(3) A minimum of 70% of the funds shall be spent only in the directly affected area as specified under clause (b) of rule 2.

(4) An amount not exceeding 5% of the total annual receipts or such upper limit fixed by the Government, may be utilized for administrative, supervisory and overhead costs of the District Mineral Foundation:

Provided that the amount collected under rule 22A of the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1985 shall be utilised only in areas affected due to quarrying activities of minor minerals.”

6. *Insertion of new rule 14A.*—After rule 14 of the principal Rules, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:--

“14A. Restriction on transfer of fund from District Mineral Foundation – (1) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from the District Mineral Foundation to the State exchequer or State level fund (by whatever name called) or Chief Minister’s Relief Fund or any other funds or schemes.

(2) No sanction or approval of any expenditure out of the fund of the District Mineral Foundation shall be done at the State level by the Government or any State level agency.

(3) No fund shall be spent other than for directly or indirectly affected areas within a district or for other than affected persons.

(4) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from one district to another district.

(5) The approval of expenditure of funds from District Mineral Foundation shall lie solely with the Governing Council. The Government or State Level Monitoring Committee shall not have overarching authority on sanction of projects, approval of funds/ expenditure and their function shall be limited to monitoring effective implementation of projects sanctioned under District Mineral Foundation.”

7. *Amendment of rule 15A.*— In the principal Rules, in rule 15A, for clause (1), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Government shall constitute a State Level Monitoring Committee consisting of the following members, namely:—

(i) Chief Minister	...Chairperson
(ii) Minister for Mines/Minister from Mining affected Areas	...Member
(iii) Chief Secretary	...Member
(iv) Secretary (Mines)	...Member
(v) Secretary (Finance)	...Member
(vi) Director, Mines and Geology	...Member Secretary
(vii) Principal Chief Engineer, Public Works Department	...Member
(viii) Director, Environment and Climate Change	...Member
(ix) Director, Public Health Services	...Member
(x) Director, Education	...Member
(xi) Director, Higher Education	...Member
(xii) Director, Technical Education	...Member
(xiii) Director, Women and Child Development	...Member
(xiv) Director, Social Welfare	...Member
(xv) Director, Department of Empowerment of PwD	...Member
(xvi) Director, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	...Member
(xvii) Director, Agriculture	...Member
(xviii) Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services	...Member
(xix) Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department	...Member
(xx) Director, Department of New and Renewable Energy	...Member
(xxi) Director, Panchayat	...Member
(xxii) Director, Urban Development	...Member
(xxiii) Director, Department of Rural Development	...Member

(xxiv) Representative of Ministry of Mines, Government of India ...Member”

8. *Substitution of rule 16.*—In the principal Rules, for rule 16, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

“16. Five Years Perspective Plan and Annual Plan.— (1) The District Mineral Foundation shall conduct a baseline survey through Academic Institutions/Renowned organisations/agencies for perspective plan formulation.

(2) Based on the findings and gaps as identified through the baseline survey or any such survey/assessment, the District Mineral Foundation shall prepare a strategy for five years and the same shall be included in the Perspective Plan.

(3) The Five Year Perspective Plan shall be prepared taking into account current balance available and likely accrual to the District Mineral Foundation over a period of five years.

(4) The Five Year Perspective Plan shall be approved by the Governing Council.

(5) The Annual Plan of the District Mineral Foundation to be approved by Governing Council each year shall be based upon the five year perspective plan and success achieved in fulfilling its targets in earlier years. The Annual Plan may include some other works and expenditures considered urgent in nature although not included in the perspective plan.

(6) The annual plan shall contain all the projects, programmes, activities proposed to be undertaken by the District Mineral Foundation and shall have clearly demarcated milestones.”

9. *Amendment of rule 19.*— In the principal Rules, in rule 19, after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(d) The Annual Report of each District Mineral Foundation shall be laid before the State Legislative Assembly.”

10. *Substitution of rule 22.*— In the principal Rules, for rule 22, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

“22. Accounts and Audit.— (a) The Managing Committee shall maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of accounts, documents and records with respect to the District Mineral Foundation fund to give a true and fair picture of the affairs of the District Mineral Foundation.

(b) The accounts of the District Mineral Foundation shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) as per the schedule decided by CAG.

(c) The accounts of the District Mineral Foundation shall be internally audited every year by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the District Mineral Foundation, or in such other manner as the Government may specify, and the report thereof shall be placed in the public domain along with the Annual Report.

(d) The internal Auditors of the Foundation shall be appointed by the Governing Council from the list of Chartered Accountants empanelled by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on such terms and conditions as decided by the Governing Council.

(e) The internal Auditors may be removed and replaced by the Governing Council.”

11. *Insertion of new rules 24A and 24B.*— After rule 24 of the principal Rules, the following new rules shall be inserted, namely:—

“24A. Grievance Redressal.—(1) The District Mineral Foundation shall devise and implement a grievance redressal mechanism so that each grievance is redressed, and a suitable reply is given to the complainant within 30 days of making a complaint to the Collector of the concerned District or any other officer as may be appointed by the Government.

(2) The Collector of the concerned District or the officer appointed by the Government, on receipt of any complaint/public grievance, shall ensure that each grievance is redressed by the District Mineral Foundation and a suitable reply is given to the complainant within the stipulated timeframe.

(3) Upon receipt of any complaint/public grievance/reference from the Central Government regarding improper utilization of District Mineral Foundation funds, poor implementation of projects or violations of PMKKKY guidelines, the Government shall act in accordance with the PMKKKY guidelines.

24B. Compliance Mechanism.—In case, a District Mineral Foundation-

- (i) fails to comply the provisions under rule 7 and 10;
- (ii) transfers any fund in violation of rule 14A;
- (iii) fails to prepare annual report as provided under rule 19;
- (iv) fails to get the accounts audited as provided under rule 22;
- (v) fails to comply the provisions under rule 24A;

the Government may direct suspension of sanction of any or all new works or execution of any or all of already sanctioned works; and/or suspension of release of funds for any or all the works by the bank(s) where District Mineral Foundation fund is deposited or the bank account of the executing agencies where funds have been transferred from District Mineral Foundation:

Provided that the Government may, after being satisfied that necessary corrective measures have been taken, withdraw such suspension.”

By Order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa

**(Narayan M. Gad)**  
Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary

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### Public Health Department

#### Corrigendum

4/1/2018-II/PHD/368

Date: 17-Feb-2025

In partial modification to the Government Order read at preamble, the designation of the post indicated in Column No.2 in respect of Sr. No. 51, 52, 55&56 and Pay Scale in Column No. 3 in respect of Sr. No. 51, 55 & 87 of above referred Order No. 4/1/2018-II/PHD/1195 dated 14/08/2019 shall be corrected to read as under:-

Sr. No.	Designation of the Post	Pay Scale
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
51	Clinical Perfusionist (Senior)	Pay Level-9
52	Clinical Perfusionist (Junior)	-----
55	Senior Technologist (Cardiac Care Technology Invasive)	Pay Level-9
56	Junior Technologist (Cardiac Care Technology Non-Invasive)	-----
87	-----	Pay level-9

The rest of contents of the above referred order shall remain unchanged.



### Corrigendum

4/1/2018-II/PHD/369

Date: 17-Feb-2025

In partial modification to the Government Order read at preamble, the designation of the post indicated in Column No.2 in respect of Sr. No. 105, 106, 109 & 110 and Pay Scale in Column No. 3 in respect of Sr. No. 105, 109 & 141 of above referred Order No. 4/1/2018-II/PHD/1194 dated 14/08/2019 shall be corrected to read as under:-

Sr. No.	Designation of the Post	Pay Scale
1	2	3
105	Clinical Perfusionist (Senior)	Pay Level-9
106	Clinical Perfusionist (Junior)	-----
109	Senior Technologist (Cardiac Care Technology Invasive)	Pay Level-9
110	Junior Technologist (Cardiac Care Technology Non-Invasive)	-----
141	-----	Pay Level-9

The rest of contents of the above referred order shall remain unchanged.



### Office Memorandum

13/09/2023-I/PHD

Date: 17-Feb-2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 read with section 10, sub-section (2) of section 71 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Central Act 61 of 1985) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rules, 1987, namely:-

**1. Short title and Commencement.-** (1) These rules may be called the Goa Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Amendment of rule 57.-** In rule 57 of the Goa Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rules, 1987.

(i) in sub-rule (2), for the expression “rupees 20 per annum,” wherever it occurs, the expression “rupees 500 per annum” shall be substituted;

(ii) for sub- rule (3), the following sub- rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“(3)The licence unless sooner suspended or cancelled shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of its issue”.

By Order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa

(Dr. Pooja Madkaikar)  
Under Secretary (Health-II)

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**Department of Social Welfare**

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**Notification**

61-22-2017-BC/DSW/PART/7682

Date: 18-Feb-2025

Read: (i) Notification No. 61-22-2017-BC-DSW/3536 dated 21/10/2021.

(ii) Notification No. 61-22-2017-BC-DSW/6752 dated 16/03/2023

In partial modification in the scheme “ATAL ASRA YOJANA” clause 10 (a) and 11(c) shall be read as under:-

**10 Sanction and release of Financial Assistance -**

(a) The Dy. Director of Social Welfare shall sanction cases after scrutinizing the proposal with the sanction order & 50% of the sanctioned amount shall be released in the form of 1st installment by Directorate of Social Welfare. The balance sanctioned amount shall be released after receiving Utilization Certificate of the 1st installment duly issued by a registered engineer from the beneficiary.

**11 Procedure for release of Second installment of sanctioned amount -**

(C) On receipt of inspection report and utilization certificate of the amount released in first installment, the 2nd installment of 50% of the sanctioned amount shall be released by Directorate of Social Welfare.

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**Department of Transport**

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**Notification**

D.Tpt/EST/2567/2024/

Date: 21-Feb-2025

Read: 1. No. D.Tpt/EST/2567/2024/473 dated 21-Feb-2025.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to rule 81 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and in supersession of the Notification No.D.Tpt/EST/2567/2024/2164 dated 17/09/2024, published in the Official Gazette Series I No.25 dated 19/09/2024, the Government of Goa hereby directs that, additional fee for delay after expiry of certificate of fitness, in respect of (a) Motorcycle (b) Three wheeled or quadricycle (c) light motor vehicle (d) Medium goods or passenger motor vehicle (e) Heavy Goods or Passenger Motor Vehicle, as specified against entry at Serial No. 11-A of the Table in rule 81 of the said Rules, shall not be levied exceeding one thousand rupees upto 31.03.2025.

This Notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

This issues with the approval of the Government.

By order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa

(P. Pravimal Abhishek,I.A.S)  
Director of Transport/Ex.Officio  
Addl. Secretary (Transport)